

## EDITORIALS.

### Amusements.

Salt Lake Theatre (First South and State), Eastern successes, 25 cents, up. Orpheum (State street, below 1st South), Vaudeville, 25 cents to \$1. Red Theatre (315 South Main), Moving pictures. Grand (Second South, east of State), melodrama, 25 to 75 cents. Lyric (Main, below 3rd South), Vaudeville, 10, 20 30 cents. Electric Theatre (264 S. State), Moving pictures, 10 cents. Nickelodeon (Main, between 1st and 2nd So.), Moving Pictures, 5 cents.

### FOR LOWER STREET CAR FARES.

#### Salt Lake Argus.

In amending the traction company's franchise the city council should keep in mind the fact that street car travel increases at a greater rate than population. This would enable the company to give better service at lower cost, and the people are entitled to the benefit.

Ordinarily councils attempt to provide for this by direct or indirect taxation in the form of increased license or a larger percentage of the gross receipts. There is a measure of equity in this, but a better way would be to provide a decreasing scale of charges, beginning with a nickel rate, or six fares for a quarter, for a stated period, or until gross receipts reach a prearranged ratio of actual cost and maintenance, then the rate should be reduced to four cents, or eight for a quarter, and so continue until the fare could and would be lowered to two-and-a-half, or even two cents.

At present five cents for a long ride is fairly reasonable, but is too much for a few squares, whereas a two or three-cent fare would cause a largely increased use of the cars for short rides. As to repairing the streets, sprinkling, etc., these are secondary matters to good service at a low cost, and could be provided for by general taxation, the same as other public necessities, and thus fall upon property in general, while on the other hand the individual feels the street car tax every time he pays his fare.

### THE NEED FOR SMALL HOUSES.

#### Salt Lake Argus.

What is most needed in Salt Lake City is a large number of small houses for people of moderate means. These need not be built entirely on the ground floor in the cottage style, but two stories containing six or seven rooms, with modern appointments, after the Philadelphia plan. If capital is seeking investment, here is the chance. Build them in rows with open porches, not with partition walls obstructing the view. More apartment houses of five or six stories would relieve the demand of a certain class of families. But children are not wanted in such places, nor are they suitable for children, hence the demand for small individual houses.

The boost for capital and business is all right in its way, but it requires people to make a city, and people need homes. So those people who are fasting and fasting for "200,000 in 1910" should start in at once and prepare for housing such a population.

Why not start the building boom now, while other lines of activity are temporarily slackened?

The real estate man who merely buys and sells property is doing nothing to swell the population. It is the man who builds and sells that deserves the laurels.

Build as well as boost!

"The Argus"—Salt Lake. A recent utterance of the president of the Chicago Stock Exchange apologizing for the Standard Oil and other trusts, is simply preparing public opinion for a reaction. It is a dangerous sign when a mad-dog becomes gentle.

"The Argus"—Salt Lake.

If tested in the courts, cashiers' checks and clearing house certificates would be declared unlawful as money substitutes. By the Federal constitution congress alone has the power to "coin money and regulate the value thereof." A bank receiving or having received money would be compelled to pay out money or be placed in the hands of a receiver as insolvent.

Such substitutes circulate by tolerance, as no one can be forced to accept them in place of money. The entire financial trouble could be righted by the government calling for a hundred millions of interest-bearing bonds and paying for the same in demand notes.

### EDITORIAL NEWS BRIEFS.

"The Argus"—Salt Lake. The Cleveland Leader says that Ohio grew enough wheat this year to make a barrel of flour for every man, woman and child in the state. Now, if every man, woman and child was sure of getting it, the world would seem brighter.

Mr. Bryan has declared that he finds greater satisfaction in talking on religion than on government. It is suspected that he also gives his fellow-democrats greater satisfaction.

It is said that George Washington was the discoverer of petroleum in this country. It was John D. Rockefeller, however, who discovered the wonderful financial possibilities of it.

"A man is not always as rich as he feels," remarks the Punxsutawney, Pa., Spittfire. Quite true, especially in this case after he has stowed away his fourteenth drink.

The season's kill in Vermont is reported about one hundred deer, three

guides, and two cows. While not yet ideal, that is better than the usual sport found up that way.

Out of a total of 600 votes in a Connecticut town, one candidate received 759 and the other 776. After this let us hear less about counting out the negro vote in the south.

"The shortest life is the best and purest," says the philosophical Baltimore American. In other words, it doesn't do to give man time to show how mean he can be.

A contemporary says there are "five flourishing political parties in Pennsylvania, not counting the Republican;" and still, the Republican is the only one that counts.

Sidney T. Ward, a railroad employee at Milford, was taken to the Holy Cross hospital in Salt Lake last week, with a crushed foot. He was hit with a sledge hammer.

Supt. Moffat of the Newhouse Mines & Smelters corporation, was spending a few days in the metropolis last week on business.

The president almost made himself solid with the colored contingent in his praise of 'possums, but spoiled it all by declaring that bears' liver was the only thing better.

In distributing Carnegie hero medals, the mule that carried Secretary Taft on that journey into the mountains of Luzon should not be overlooked.

Arizona and New Mexico may be two equals with but a single thought, but they desire to become two stars that twinkle as two, in the national firmament.

The great name of Barnum will appear no more on the circus billboards at his great remark, "The people like to be humbugged", will live on forever.

These elections are not regarded as of the first importance, but they will be valuable in providing Mr. Grosvenor with statistics.

"Is the American woman really beautiful?" asks a New York, artist. Well, if she isn't, there is no use making further search.

Sarah Bernhardt expresses a desire to depart this life on the stage. The French drama is sufficiently harrowing without this.

J. Pierpont Morgan deserves a Carnegie hero medal for rescuing Wall street from drowning from a sea of its own waters.

If Washington ever becomes a "dry" city there may be less of this unseemly scrambling for seats in both houses of congress.

It is something to know that the administration and the great financial interests are on speaking terms at last.

If there be anything in a name, the "Cannon boom" ought to make a good deal of noise when it gets to going.

It is not quite clear why Mr. Taft is hurrying homeward when Senator Foraker is keeping so quiet.

Chattanooga, Tenn., seems destined to become the Great Dixie oasis, for fry and thirsty souls.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Fennimore, of Newhouse, were visiting Salt Lake City last week.

The price of meat is going down, but Deacon Baer thinks coal is cheap enough.

The navy department will ask congress for \$136,000,000 in the next appropriation bill. That's all.

Mr. Parsons will have undying fame as the man who finally put Mr. Hearst out of politics while trying to put him in.

If Attorney General Bonaparte wants to know what whiskey is, somebody ought to invite him to a political barbecue.

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### SHORT AND CONCISE.

Champ Clark thinks it's the one-gallus man who decides elections.

Calling a thief a grafter, these days, is like calling a spade an infernal old shovel.

The bad Navajos in New Mexico will soon find out what it is to be good Indians.

Washington has a magnificent railway station only a few miles from the street car lines.

Is Secretary Root afraid Secretary Taft will pick the entire glad-hand crop of Europe?

Mr. Taft don't expect New York to climb into the band wagon at the first toot of the horn.

They are always raising a smoke in Kentucky. Now they are on the eve of a fierce tobacco war.



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## Washington Gossip

Interesting Bits of News Picked Up Here and There at the National Capital

### MUCH TRAVELING DONE BY MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

WASHINGTON.—During the summer months just closed the nine members of President Roosevelt's cabinet have spent more than 600 days away from their desks, and their vacation journeyings and business trips have covered thousands of miles over land and sea.

Of the nine, Secretary of War Taft is the greatest traveler. Already he has been away from his department more than 80 days, and, as he now is on his way around the world, he has traveled, including his vacation journeying and his official trip of the orient, something like 10,000 miles, with much more yet to come.

Next to Secretary Taft, Secretary of State Root remained from the capital longer than any other official, and, including his trip to Mexico, he will have been away so long that it will be hopeless for any other cabinet officer to attempt to equal his record.

Until Secretary Taft returns, Secretary Straus will hold the palm for

long over-seas journeying. Leaving Washington on June 29, he went first to Montreal, on one of the longest inspection tours ever undertaken by a cabinet officer. He visited immigration stations along the Canadian line, from Montreal to Winnipeg and Vancouver, going thence to Seattle and San Francisco and sailing from that port on July 25 for Honolulu, where he arrived on July 31. On his return he visited the Yellowstone National park, but this part of the trip was entirely one of pleasure, and was at the secretary's personal expense.

On this trip he was accompanied by his wife, son, daughter and private secretary, only Secretary Straus' own expenses, of course, being borne by the government. It is estimated at the department of commerce and labor that Secretary Straus' trip cost the government not more than \$1,800. And it is claimed for it that it was of immense business benefit to the department.

### SOME MEMBERS ABSENT ON GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

During his absence from Washington Postmaster General Meyer, with the exception of about ten days, when he was fishing in Canada, kept in close touch with the postal affairs in Washington, and Secretary Taft, while he was at Murray Bay, Canada, also found time to keep up with the more important matters requiring action by the head of the war department.

Attorney General Bonaparte, in addition to spending about a month at Lenox, was absent at different times during the summer at his home, near Baltimore, but he was at Washington every few days attending to important legal business of the government, so that it is hard to classify him.

### STATESMEN TAKE UP THE ROLLER SKATING IDEA

ASSISTANT CHIEF CLERK THOMSON, progenitor of the scheme for having postal employees skate to work, undertook to demonstrate the other day and arrived at his office much confused and concussed. In rounding a curve on Pennsylvania avenue he hit a "thank you, marm," and smote the asphalt with his nose. During the afternoon he was disposed to bark at folks who came in to ask him questions about the roller skate procession.

His ideas, however, will be taken up in higher circles. A well defined movement among leading statesmen is said to be under way for having senators and representatives skate to the capitol when the session begins. A large number of them have been desirous of skating to work for a long time, but each has hung back for fear of being thought singular. Now a considerable number have agreed to start the skating movement simultaneously, and a general movement on the capitol is announced for the first Monday in December.

Speaker Cannon has been enlisted in the movement and promises to skate all the way down the avenue on the opening day, with John Sharp Williams, the minority leader. Mr. Williams and Mr. Cannon have been practicing holding each other's hands, and while this has been a little difficult because of Mr. Cannon's greater speed, they have now got so that they can keep step fairly well. Mr. Williams will go to the speaker's house on the opening day and make the start with him.

Senator Bailey at first held aloof on the ground that it would not look dignified to skate in a frock coat, and that he declines to remove that garment for any consideration. His friends, however, have put forth such strong arguments that in a letter received here the other day Mr. Bailey promises to skate, frock coat and all. If his rival and foe, Senator Culberson, can be induced to do likewise, Culberson wears a cutaway, but it is believed he will consent.

### PENSION ROLL OF THE GOVERNMENT ON DECLINE

New Mexico. The amount paid from Topeka was \$15,807,638.24, and the number of pensioners on the roll at that agency was 111,508, or 2,089 less than June 30, 1906. Missouri, at the end of the year had 49,335 pensioners, who received \$6,990,729.74.

These figures and facts are contained in the annual report of Pension Commissioner Warner. The report shows that the pension roll reached the high-water mark January 30, 1905.

An analysis of the pension roll on June 30, 1907, shows the interesting fact that there were at that time three daughters of soldiers of the revolutionary war still drawing pensions.

The names of 558 widows of the war of 1812 remained on the roll at the close of the last fiscal year.

If there were no deaths during the present fiscal year it would require \$140,850,880 to pay Uncle Sam's pensioners. The average annual value of each pension is \$145.60, this being an increase of \$7.42 over last year.